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Meeting Notification

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission to hold Public Meeting

MGC to review COVID-19-related orders for gaming establishments, horse racing and simulcasting, and the Open Meeting Law.

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chair Cathy Judd-Stein** and **Commissioners Gayle Cameron, Eileen O'Brien** and **Enrique Zuniga**

WHAT: The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will hold public meeting #345 on **Wednesday, May 26, 2021.**

The MGC will review COVID-19-related orders for gaming establishments in light of Governor Charles Baker's May 17 announcement lifting all industry-related restrictions, effective May 29, and the Updated Mask Requirements issued by the Department of Public Health, also effective May 29 and consistent with the CDC's updated guidance. Topics include:

- MGC COVID Order dated 6/23/2020: *Minimum Requirements for the Initial Phase 3 Opening of Gaming Establishments – VOTE*
- MGC COVID Order dated 10/8/2020: *Minimum Requirements for the Reintroduction of Roulette at the Category 1 Gaming Establishments – VOTE*
- MGC COVID Order dated 3/11/2021: *Minimum Requirements for (1) Expanding Blackjack-Style Tables to Include a 4th Player Position and (2) the Reintroduction of Craps at the Category 1 Gaming Establishments – VOTE*

The Racing Division will review MGC-approved COVID-19 plans for horse racing and simulcasting facilities in light of the Governor's order and CDC guidance. A vote on this matter is anticipated.

General Council Todd Grossman and Director of Diversity and Legislative Affairs Jill Griffin will report on the status of the Governor's order providing limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. A letter prepared for submission to the Legislature in support of the continued use of remote collaboration technology at public meetings will also be reviewed. A vote on this matter is anticipated.

Director of Racing Dr. Alex Lightbown and Director Griffin will discuss a letter prepared for submission to the Legislature in support of the extension of the horse racing and simulcasting authorization. A vote on this matter is anticipated.



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For a complete list of agenda items and anticipated votes, [view the official Meeting Notification and Agenda](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Given the unprecedented circumstances resulting from the global Coronavirus pandemic, Governor Charles Baker issued an order to provide limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law to protect the health and safety of individuals interested in attending public meetings. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission will conduct a public meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology. If there is any technical problem with our remote connection, an alternative conference line will be noticed immediately on our website: MassGaming.com.

Community members are also invited to follow along with live meeting updates by connecting with the Commission on Twitter, [@MassGamingComm](https://twitter.com/MassGamingComm).

WHERE: Conference Call Number: 1-646-741-5292, Meeting ID: 112 122 1716

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**



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